

Docket No. 2021-30-T - Application of Antioch Educational Center for a Class A (Restricted)  
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier

Testimony of Jackie O'Bannon, Executive Director of Applicant

**1. Please state your full name and business address for the record:**

**Answer:**

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**2. Can you tell me your age and background?**

**Answer:** I am 63 years old and have lived in South Carolina for 15 years. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Seattle University. I have worked on a Doctorate of Organizational Leadership (non-profit service) at the University of Phoenix. Prior to assuming my duties with the Applicant, I was the Executive Director of the Vanderhorst Koinonia Ministries that feeds the homeless in Charleston, South Carolina for two and a half years. Before then, I was the Executive Director of the African-American Museum in Tacoma, Washington. I have been Executive Director and a Board Member of the Applicant for three years and prior to that a Board Member and volunteer. Indeed, I was one of its founders in 2011.

**3. Can you provide a summary of the purpose of the Applicant.**

**Answer:** The mission of the Applicant is to assist members of low-income families in their transition from a state of dependency to self-sufficiency by offering programs and services in the areas of education, job preparedness, and health and wellness. See our website at <https://antiochedc.org/> for a full description of our work.

**4. Why is Applicant seeking this authority?**

**Answer:** In order to fulfill one of the stated goals in our mission statement that being job preparedness, Applicant is seeking to provide transportation at an affordable price and on livable schedules for low-income individuals to and from places of gainful employment.

**5. Why do you believe the public convenience and necessity calls for the Applicant's proposal?**

**Answer:** There is no other service at our price range that will take low-income passengers directly or as close to their employment as the Applicant. Also, very importantly, our time schedules are more tailored to minimize the time in transit so passengers will not be en route for so long outside of their actual work hours and thus have more personal quality time to perform their family duties.

**6. That is all the questions that I have for you now. Do you have anything else you would like to add for the record at this time?**

**Answer:** No, and thank you for this opportunity to describe our very worthwhile work.